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DOUBLE HOLIDAY TO WELCOME 1928

Banks and Schools Closed, with Postoffice on Holiday Schedule; Booth-Kelly Mill Will Operate as Usual; Watch Night Parties are Planned.

Springfield is preparing for another double holiday, to come this week-end when, by virtue of a New Year's Sunday, it is decreed that Monday, also, shall be observed with sumptuous meals, leisure and other holiday features.

Banks, some business houses, and the schools will be closed Monday noon, when it will be closed for the remainder of the day. There will be one mail delivery.

Employees of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company here, however, will earn their usual day's wages on Monday, for it was announced this morning that the local mill will operate as usual on that day.

Plan Week of Prayer
The churches of the city will devote their Sunday services largely to New Year's topics, and several church social affairs are centering around the holiday. The week beginning Sunday has been set aside as a national week of prayer, and proper observance of this is planned in Springfield. Prayer services will be held every night by the Baptist church, both at the church and at various homes, while similar plans are being made by other churches.

At least two watch-night parties have been announced. The Christian Endeavorers of the Christian church will witness the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moon. The usual watch-night party features are planned.

At the church parlors, members of the Epworth League of the Methodist church will await the arrival of 1928. Games which will come to a climax at the stroke of 12 are planned.

Special Services Arranged
Sunday morning services will feature special music and sermons devoted to New Year's topics.

Rev. C. H. Blom of the Baptist church will speak in the morning on "Some Things We May Expect This Year," and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock his topic will be "How to Make 1928 the Best Year."

Members of the Christian church will begin the New Year with a business meeting and dinner at the church Monday night.

LELA GRIFFIS WED TO CLIFFORD HAYES

A wedding of much interest here occurred Tuesday evening when Miss Lela Griffis, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Griffis of this city, was married to Clifford Hayes. The wedding took place in Eugene at the home of Rev. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the Springfield Christian church.

Mr. Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, formerly of Springfield, now living in Los Angeles. Mr. Hayes for some time held an interest in the Eugene-Springfield auto park.

Mrs. Hayes has been employed at Eggmann's candy kitchen for a year, and has a wide circle of friends in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce and son, and Alex McIntosh left this morning for Los Angeles. The Pierces will spend a two-weeks vacation in the southern city, while it is possible Mr. and Mrs. Hayes will make their home there.

Dittos Have Reunion

Of interest to Springfield people was the reunion of the George Ditto family of Portland last week-end. All are former residents of Springfield. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ditto of Junction City, Dorothy of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fish of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Del Bucknum of Portland.

Mr. George Ditto was a visitor in Springfield Monday. He is conducting a grocery store in Portland.

Choir Is Entertained

The choir of the Springfield Baptist church was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlton Tuesday night. Practice held by the group previous to the social hour. Refreshments were served by the hosts.

Scouts are at Camp

Lane county Boy Scouts this week are enjoying winter sports at the winter camp at Cruzatte. No Springfield Scouts were able to make the trip.

Resolutions? 1928 Is Leap Year



DELAYED REPORTS ON HEARING EXPECTED

Further delay in the decision of the public service commission on the closing of Second street appears probable, according to City Attorney I. M. Peterson. The Southern Pacific, he said, has been granted until January 1 to submit its brief in the matter, and it will take some time for the commission to decide after the brief is filed.

Other parties to the hearing have filed their briefs, and are awaiting action of the commission. The Springfield bridge plans have now been completed, but further action will be held in abeyance until the closing is decided. The highway commission and public service commission hope to get help from the S. P. toward financing the span if the Second street rail crossing is closed.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HAVE ANNUAL SESSION

Meeting at the church next Monday evening, members of the first Christian church will conduct their annual business meeting following a dinner served by the women's class.

Reports from department heads and committee chairmen, election of various officers, and consideration of a program of activities for the new year will be among the features of the annual session.

LEAP YEAR POSSIBLY MAY CUT MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL WIDOW CLUB

Membership of the Springfield widows club, which has remained intact from any possible onslaughts of Cupid since the organization several weeks ago, may receive a blow with the arrival of leap year.

Members of the club admit this possibility freely, pointing out that there is no doubt that leap year has its certain advantages. The widows have entered into a pact whereby they agree that the first to again risk matrimony will present others with a treat.

Widespread knowledge of this agreement, it was pointed out, may prove a deterrent to some eligible man, who probably would have to provide the money for the treat as one of the first expenses of the marriage state. Despite this, many of the widows are hoping.

"I doubt if there is a member of the organization who would not forego the advantages of the club for matrimony, provided the right man appeared," said a prominent member of the group this week.

The first leap year meeting, when these things can be talked over, will be held at the home of Mrs. Vina McLean on January 6.

LIONS HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE AT WEEKLY MEET

Exchange of presents from a Christmas tree was a feature of the Lions club meeting at the W. O. W. hall Friday. Each Lion received a gift of some kind, and Elmer Maxey was awarded the grand prize when he received the lucky number 13. The prize was an electric toaster.

The Lions purchased batteries for the radio at the poor farm as one of their charity gifts at Christmas time.

W. F. Walker, president, who recently sold his business here, offered his resignation to the club. He was asked to retain the leadership as long as he would, and is still head of the organization.

SPRINGFIELD HELPS NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

Much help to the needy at Christmas time was given by Springfield people, one of the noteworthy cases being that of a destitute family living in Eugene near the car shops, which was supplied with clothing and food on Christmas eve by a number of Springfield folk. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tyson, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah and the Lions club were among those who remembered the residents of the poor farm at Christmas time.

The Salvation Army distributed many baskets to poor living in this district.

Transient Injured

John Kelly, a transient on his way to Portland, was injured when struck by an automobile on the Springfield bridge Tuesday night, according to a report made by local police. Kelly was able to continue his journey north.

MASONS, EASTERN STARS INSTALL OFFICERS AT TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Joint installation of officers of the Springfield Masonic lodge and the Cascade chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was held Tuesday night at the lodge hall amid impressive ceremonies.

The Masons installed: V. M. Peterson, worshipful master; Sidney V. Ward, senior warden; Roscoe Perkins, junior warden; C. F. Eggmann, treasurer; C. E. Wheaton, secretary; senior-deacon, Levi Neet; junior deacon, Harold Phillips; senior steward, Harold Stewart; junior steward, Carl Phetteplace; J. C. Ketels; chaplain, J. F. Ketels; marshal, Oswald Olson.

The Eastern Star officers installed are: Mrs. C. A. Swarts, worthy matron; R. B. ...am, patron; Mrs. Opal Roberts, associate matron; Mrs. Elsie Pollard, treasurer; Mrs. Jeanette Wright, conductress; Mrs. Jane Crusan, chaplain; Mrs. Paul Schantol, marshal; Ada, Mrs. Margaret Ward; Ruth, Mrs. Hazel Adrian; Esther, Mrs. Edna Dippel; Martha, Mrs. Margaret Kenyon; Electa, Mrs. Lena Fredericks; warden, Miss Margaret Gorrie; sentinel, Oswald Olson.

Three officers were not installed, but will take office at the first meeting in January. They are Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, associate conductress; Mrs. Jane Ketels, secretary; Mrs. Dora Neet, organist.

WOODCRAFT INSTALLS OFFICERS JANUARY 11

Record attendance of members and guests is expected at the annual installation of officers of the Neighbors of Woodcraft at the lodge hall on January 11. Plans for the event were made at the fortnightly meeting of the organization last night.

Every neighbor has been asked to bring the immediate family and one guest. Ben Russell will have charge of preparing the hall to accommodate the crowd. Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, Mrs. Noah Hildebrand and Mrs. H. E. Maxey have charge of entertainment, while refreshments will be handled by Mrs. Bert Donae, Mrs. Elva Adams and Mrs. Minnie Girard.

Two were initiated into the lodge last night. They are Mrs. Arthur Taylor and Miss Ann Dillard. A Christmas tree was enjoyed, and the officers served refreshments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO FETE OLD MEMBERS

Former members of the young people's Sunday school class of the Methodist Episcopal church will be honored at a party to be held Friday evening at the home of the teacher, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah. Games and refreshments are being planned by the committee in charge.

Several former members of the class have returned to spend the holidays season with home-folks. These include Tom Lusby, Miss Sykes, Charles Girard, and others.

Kidnapping Victim



Marian Parker, 12-year old daughter of Perry Parker, chief clerk of the Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank, whose kidnapping and slaying has aroused Southern California and the nation.

MRS. FRANK PALMER PASSES AT LINTON

Services were held at the Natron cemetery yesterday for Mrs. Frank Palmer, formerly Irene Deane and for 21 years a resident of Springfield, who died at Linton, Oregon, on Christmas day. Rev. C. H. Blom of the Baptist church had charge of the services at the grave.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Palmer was 29 years of age. She is survived by her husband, three children, her parents, one sister and two brothers, all of Linton, but formerly of Springfield.

LIONS TROOP RESUMES MEETINGS ON MONDAY

Meetings of the Springfield Lions club Boy Scout troop will be resumed next Monday night, when the group meets at the Methodist Episcopal church. This is a new meeting place, other quarters being no longer available.

The troop has virtually given up activities for some time, due to the paralysis situation, but Scoutmaster Barber and Aldrich are preparing a definite program with which to start the new year.

MRS. PAGE DELEGATE TO PORTLAND MEETING

Mrs. Elizabeth Page, teacher in the Springfield public schools, is one of the official delegates to the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers association at Portland this week. Mrs. Page was officially elected by the county teachers' group.

Much interest is being shown in the Portland sessions, which include other programs many members of the University of Oregon staff.

NEW HAYDEN BRIDGE IS NOW COMPLETED

Construction of the new steel bridge on the Wendling road across the McKenzie river has been completed, and work of dismantling the old Hayden Bridge, which it replaces, is now under way, according to County Bridge Superintendent A. C. Striker. One approach to the new bridge has been paved, and the other will be surfaced in the spring. The bridge is built of steel.

To Feature Springfield

Springfield is to be featured in a forthcoming issue of the Oregon State magazine, it was stated here today by Albert C. Bouck, member of the magazine staff, who is here gathering material for the issue. The Oregon magazine was established in Eugene some time ago by Alfred Rebel.

Party is Held

The junior church of the Christian church enjoyed a Christmas and New Year's party at the church parlors Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Herbert Moon and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell had charge.

Religious Census Starts

The religious census of Springfield is under way this week, but has not progressed sufficiently for announcement of results. The various church committees are busy canvassing the city, and will compile their reports when the investigation is completed.

Reports Money Stolen

J. M. Thompson reported to police that some time Tuesday night a robber entered his home at 731 B street, taking \$12 from his trousers which were hanging at the end of the bed. The robber, he said, obtained \$1.69 from his son's trousers.

CITY APPOINTEES TO GET JOBS BACK

No Changes Contemplated By Mayor Bushman; Dr. L. S. Kent Named Milk Inspector; Local Man Considered for Engineer; Installation Jan. 9.

The new year will find the Springfield city staff intact, save for new appointments necessitated by the creation of new offices or the filling of old ones vacant for some time, it was announced this morning by Mayor G. G. Bushman. The official list of appointments will be submitted by the mayor to the council at the first 1928 meeting, January 9, for approval, and the officers will be installed immediately.

The arrival of 1928 will see the beginning of milk inspection in Springfield, under the provisions of a recently-voted ordinance, and Dr. L. S. Kent, who has charge of Eugene inspection, has been named official milk inspector for Springfield, Mayor Bushman said. Dr. Kent's appointment will be included in the list of 1928 officers.

Local Man Considered

Since the resignation of Simon Klodahl, the city engineer's office has been vacant, but Mayor Bushman is making an investigation of candidates, and stated that the appointment of a local man for the job is being contemplated. This appointment likely will be made in time for the council meeting January 9.

City Attorney Ira Peterson, Street Commissioner George Vallier, Police Chief and Fire Chief Jess Smitsos, all are in line for re-appointment. No changes in the make-up of the councilmanic committee organization are contemplated.

The December audit will be complete by the time of the January council meeting, and figures on the 1927 finances will then be available, it was stated by Recorder I. M. Peterson today.

CHRISTMAS MAIL HERE ADDRESSED CORRECTLY

While postal staffs in larger cities were complaining of improper addresses and subsequent troubles, the Springfield postoffice experienced no such difficulties throughout the Christmas mailing rush. All addresses were legible and correct, except for a few cases when the addressees had moved away.

The mailing is now over, and the extra help released. The postal staff had no difficulty in keeping up with the rush.

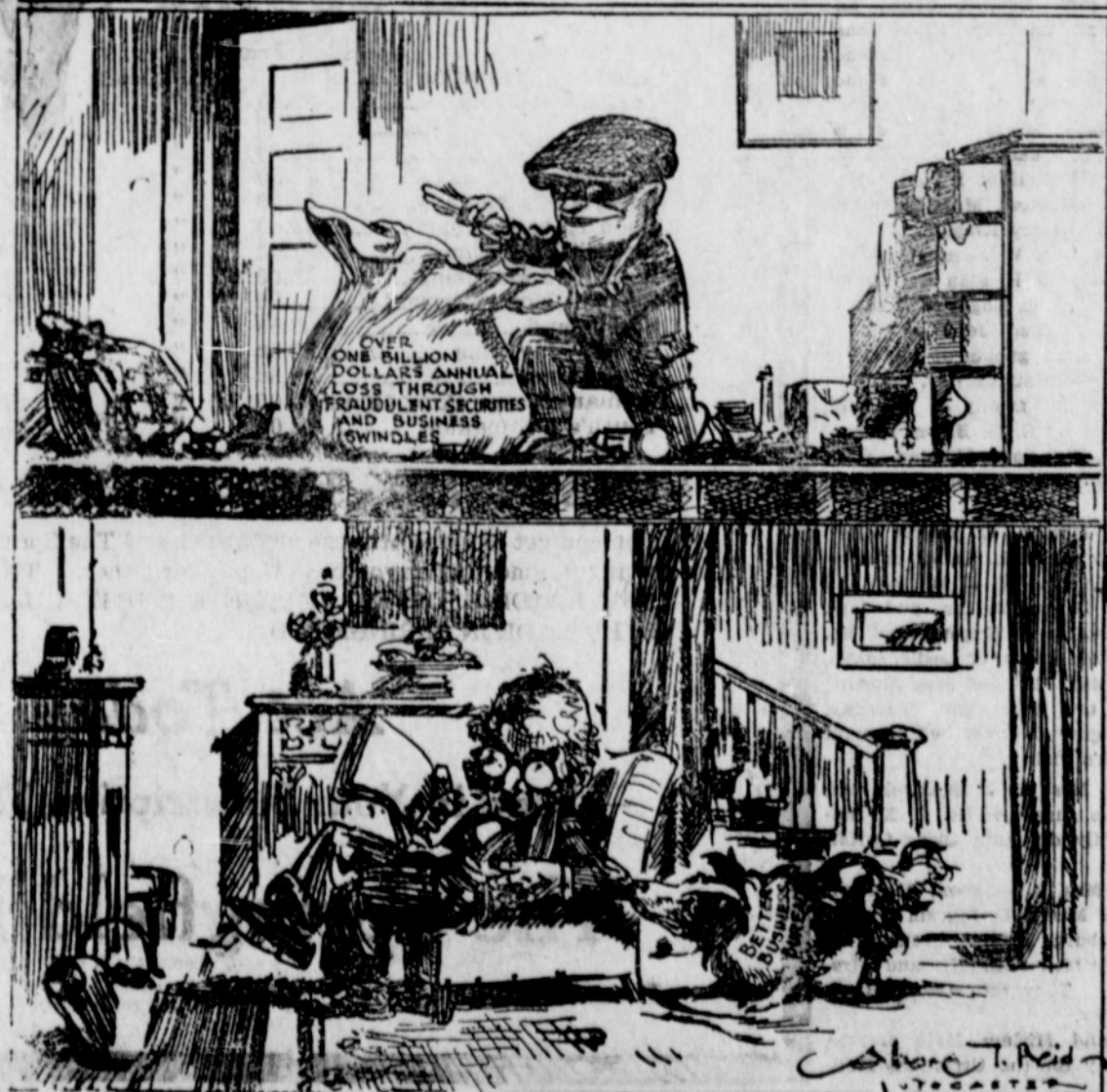
To Attend Eugene Meet

Many Springfield people, members of the Christian church, will attend the county rally to be held at the Eugene First Christian church tonight. Jesse Kellems, recently returned from South Africa, will be the chief speaker.

Quarterly Muster Tonight

Quarterly muster of the Springfield National Guard troop will be held tonight, according to announcement of troop officials.

Better Pay Some Attention To Him — By Albert T. Reid



CLASSIFIED ADS

TAKE STOCK

Among your possessions it's pretty safe to say you'll find a score of things no longer of any value to you but which some one else needs. This is particularly true of the farmer. Live stock, farm machinery, seed, anything you want to sell can be disposed of through a classified ad. You can buy through the want ad column, too. The cost of a classified ad is negligible.

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